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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A PLANAR STRUCTURAL ELEMENT MADE FROM METAL, PARTICULARLY FOR FILTRATION, AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PLANAR STRUCTURAL ELEMENT AND FOR USING SUCH A PLANAR STRUCTURAL ELEMENT

the specification of which (check only one item below):

- [] is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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